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An issue of public use or on sale activity has been raised in this application. In order for the examiner to properly consider patentability of the claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), additional information regarding this issue is required as follows:

Applicants' Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed July 26, 2002, raised an issue of public use or on sale activity. The information provided in the IDS and in the Response to Requirement for Information filed Oct. 20, 2002 is still not sufficient to evaluate this issue with respect to the presently pending claims. From the information supplied so far, it is not possible to determine what kind of pump the on sale pump is, and this information is necessary for understanding the relationship between this pump and the subject matter of the presently pending claims. Applicants are required to provide information regarding what type of pump the on sale pump is (e.g. a roots pump, turbo pump, etc.). Applicants are also required to provide a schematic diagram of the interior parts of the pump, and any other printed information they have describing the pump.

Also, applicants are required to state whether the on sale activity in question was in this country.

The IDS stated that "(t)he attached material describes a pump and its position within a semiconductor processing tool that was sold more than one year prior to the date of filing of the present application". It is unclear whether this means that only the pump was sold or whether the pump and semiconductor processing tool were sold together. Did the sale referred to include the pump and semiconductor processing tool?

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Applicant is reminded that failure to fully reply to this requirement for information will result in a holding of abandonment.

This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of TWO months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard Bueker whose telephone number is (703) 308-1895. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 AM - 5:30 PM, Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Mills can be reached on (703) 308-1633. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9310 for regular communications and (703) 872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.


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